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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under  
37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending application:

Serial No.: 09/659 448

Filing Date: September 11, 2000

Title: COG-ASSEMBLY AND CONNECTING MATERIAL TO BE USED THEREIN

Inventors: Motohide TAKEICHI and Hiroyuki FUJIHARA

Group: 2827

Examiner: Graybill

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
  - a. ☒ An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on April 21, 2003 was not entered. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
  - b. ☒ Enclosed is/are:
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)

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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Acknowledgment Post Card
- v. ☒ Letter To Examiner.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- b. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE	( ) SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$750.00	\$375.00	\$750.00
Total Claims	(15 - 20 = 0)		x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00	
Indep. Claims	( 2 - 3 = 0)		x \$ 84.00		x \$ 42.00	
[ ] Multiple Dep. Claim			+ \$280.00		+ \$140.00	
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 750.00

- b. ☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one month. The extension fee is:  
☒ \$110.00 (37 C.F.R. §1.17)  
☐ \$ (37 C.F.R. §1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).
- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).
- d. ☒ A check for \$860.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.



[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: [X] an attorney of record  
[ ] acting under 37 C.F.R. §1.34.

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Respectfully submitted,

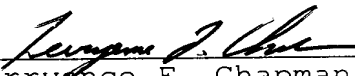
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